INTERFAITH COALITION FOR JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (The Interfaith Coalition)

The coalition includes a variety of religious, grassroots community, and student groups who support worker justice, environmental justice, and human rights. Some members of the coalition take for granted the existence of the international nation state system and the existence of multinational corporations, regarding them as more or less non-malleable features of the world. Others believe that these systems are the core of the problem and must be altered or abolished to make any real or fundamental change possible.

The relative strength of different elements of the coalition varies over time, place, and the specifics of particular cases. The team should pursue actions that will, as much as possible, hold the supporters of different variations together in a common strategy for the short run.

Frame

GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW (see **Resource Kit, Globalization Frames**)

Success Indicators:

Global Poverty Reduction (GPR): This index measures the percentage of people in each country who are living below the subsistence level. It begins at 100 and is raised by actions that decrease the number of people living in poverty and is lowered by actions that increase the number.

Constituency Support (CS): This begins at 100 and is increased by actions that increase financial and political support for the Interfaith Coalition by allies and potential supporters. It is decreased by actions that decrease financial and political support for the Interfaith Coalition by allies and potential supporters.

Overall Success = (GPR + CS) / 2

Recommended to Print from Resource Kit:

You should make hard copies of the following parts of the Resource Kit to read ahead of time or bring with you to the game sessions:

*** Glossary of Technical Terms
*** GLOBALIZATION FROM BELOW frame

The following parts of the Resource Kit are relevant for different proposals in the game. Here you may wish to employ a division of labor on your team in examining them:

*** A-Team Special Programs, HIPC Initiative and Micro-Credit Programs.
*** SAPs (Structural Adjustment Programs)
*** IMF Governance.
*** ILO Fundamental Conventions.
*** Micro-Credit Programs.
*** Regional Trading Blocs.
*** Food Sovereignty.
*** Restoration of Communal Lands.
*** Investor Rights Clauses
*** Capital Controls
*** TRIP Agreements.
*** MEAs
*** Tobin Taxes

Priority Rating for Committees

Team _____

1. *High priority*. A member of our team should be on this committee as a participant or an observer.
2. *Medium priority*. If we have sufficient members on our team, one should be on this committee.
3. *Low priority*. We have only a marginal interest in this committee and don't need to be represented on it.

Priority Rating for Committees:

___ Development

___ Trade

___ Finance

___ Debt Relief

___ Corporate Regulation

___ Countervailing Institutions

Voting Form

Team _____

Committee recommending proposal: (Circle One)

Development Trade Finance Debt Relief

Corporate Regulation Countervailing Institutions

Name of Proposal _____

Vote:

___ Yes, unconditionally.

___ Yes, but on the following conditions: (specify)

___ Abstain.

___ No

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